QUEER DISCOVERY
Archives, Linked Data, and Trans History

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Barriers to Researching Trans History

- Materials are dispersed
- Some collections have little or no online presence
- “Transgender” is a relatively new and complicated term
- Online searches are overwhelmed by popular coverage and LGB”T”
Mission

The purpose of the Digital Transgender Archive (DTA) is to increase the **accessibility** of transgender history by providing an online hub for digitized historical materials, born-digital materials, and information on archival holdings throughout the world.

*Sylvia Rivera at Gay Liberation Front’s Demonstration (1970)*
Held by the LGBT Community Center
https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/files/1v53jx14c
The DTA uses the term *transgender* to refer to a broad and inclusive range of non-normative gender practices. We treat *transgender* as a practice rather than an identity category in order to bring together a *trans*-historical and *trans*-cultural collection of materials related to *trans*-ing gender. We collect materials from anywhere in the world with a focus on materials created before the year 2000.

https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/files/4b29b602s
- www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net
- Launched January 2016
- 68 contributing institutions from 9 countries
- Digitization occurs on-site, off-site, and in “lab”
- 8,806 total items available online
- Materials date from 1587–present; majority are 1950s–1990s
History

- Began in the Netherlands in 1982
- Revised a few times in 1990s and early 2000s
- In 2015, became a linked data vocab hosted by the Digital Trans Archive
- In 2016, Editorial Board established
- In 2019, version 2.0 released as exclusively queer vocab
Mission

The Homosaurus is an international linked data vocabulary of LGBTQ terms that supports improved access to LGBTQ resources within cultural institutions. Designed to serve as a companion to broad subject term vocabularies, the Homosaurus is a robust and cutting-edge vocabulary of LGBTQ-specific terminology that enhances the discoverability of LGBTQ resources.
**LCSH Example**

Broader term (BT)
Persons

Transgender people

Narrower term (NT)
Christian transgender people
Church work with transgender people
Jewish transgender people
Libraries and transgender people
Transgender men
Transgender women
Transsexuals

Variants
TG People
TGs (Transgender people)
Trans-identified people
Transgendered people
Transgenders
Transpeople
Homosaurus Example

Related term (RT)
- Cisgender people
- Crossdressers
- Eonist people
- Gender confirming surgery
- Gender dysphoria
- Gender identity
- Gender identity disorder
- Gender markers
- Gender non-conforming people
- Genderqueer people
- Hormone therapy (Gender)
  - Men
  - No hormone identity
  - Non-operative
- Parents of transgender people
- Partners of transgender people
- Passing (gender)
- Persecution of transgender people
  - Post-operative
  - Pre-operative
  - Pronouns
- Stealth (Transgender)
- Transgender characters
- Transgender community
- Transgender community centres
- Transgender identity
- Transgenderism
- Transitioning status
- Transitioning (Transgender)
- Transphobia
- Transvestites
- Women

Broader term (BT)
- LGBTQ people

Transgender people

Narrower term (NT)
- Agender people
- Androgynous people
- Demigender people
- FtXs
- Gender fluid people
- MtXs
- Non-binary people
- Older transgender people
- Pangender people
- Third gender people
  - Trans men
  - Trans women
- Transfeminine people
- Transgender children
- Transgender daughters
- Transgender fathers
- Transgender mothers
- Transgender parents
- Transgender sons
- Transgender youth
- Transmasculine people
- Transsexual people
- Trigender people

Use for (UF)
- Trans
- Trans*
- Transgender
- Transgendered
- Transgendered people
- Transgender-identified people
- Trans-identified people
- Trans people
- Trans-people
- Transpeople

Scope note (SN)
Broad term for people who do not conform to their birth-assigned gender. Add more specific terms when possible.
Q&A

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